

# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 27 September 2005



### **Daily Highlights**

- The Associated Press reports President Bush says that the government is prepared to tap into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve again to alleviate any crisis at the gas pumps caused by Hurricane Rita's strike on the center of the nation's energy industry. (See item\_1)
- The Washington Post reports days before Hurricane Rita struck, online speculators were scooping up hundreds of Hurricane Rita—related Web domain names in order to set up fraudulent sites to trick people into making donations. (See item 9)
- The New York Times reports the chaotic evacuations of New Orleans and Houston have prompted local officials across the country to take another look at plans for emptying their cities in response to a large—scale natural disaster or a terrorist attack. (See item\_30)

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# **Energy Sector**

# **Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels:** <u>Physical</u>: ELEVATED, <u>Cyber</u>: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – http://www.esisac.coml

1. September 26, Associated Press — Bush prepared to tap oil reserve again. President Bush said Monday, September 26, that the government is prepared to again tap into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to alleviate any new pain at the pump caused by Hurricane Rita's assault on the center of the nation's energy industry. With early indicators offering reason for optimism

and a speedy recovery, Bush nonetheless warned Americans to expect some effect on energy supplies. "A lot of our production comes from the Gulf and when you have a Hurricane Katrina followed by a Hurricane Rita, it's natural, unfortunately, that it's going to affect supplies," Bush said after a briefing at the Energy Department. The nation's four Strategic Petroleum Reserve sites on the Gulf Coast, two underground caverns in Texas and two in Louisiana, hold nearly 700 million barrels of oil. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the federal government provided several refineries with oil from the reserve to make up for supply losses. Oil prices slid Monday, as markets reacted to reports of relatively light damage to crucial U.S. petroleum processing zones in Texas. But 16 Texas oil refineries remained shut down after the storm, and crews found significant damage to at least one in the Port Arthur area, said Energy Department spokesperson Craig Stevens.

Source: http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/oil26.html

2. September 26, New York Times — Storms cast spotlight on energy's new reality. The vast energy complex spread along the hurricane—battered Gulf Coast apparently escaped serious damage in the latest storm. But for an industry still reeling from the impact of Hurricane Katrina, the recovery will be long and arduous, leaving global energy markets at the mercy of other natural disasters — or unforeseen twists in unpredictable oil—producing countries. Hurricane Rita illustrated the energy market's new reality: with little production or refining capacity to spare, any disruption can have a big impact on tight and increasingly edgy markets. Until investments are made in new supplies, or demand slows down enough to ease the capacity squeeze, analysts warn that markets will remain volatile. In the short run, much will depend on how quickly oil companies can restart their refineries and bring gasoline, natural gas, and other products back to consumers. The most immediate concern for oil companies is the condition of the coastal refining system. The storm also forced the shutdown of oil import terminals along the coast, including the largest one, the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port, which has a daily capacity of a million barrels, or about 10 percent of oil imports. In Texas, Port Arthur, Freeport, Corpus Christi, and the port of Houston were shut down.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2005/09/26/business/26oil.html?pagewa.nted=all

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# **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

3. September 22, Quad—City Times (IA) — Nitric acid cloud released in Iowa, two—block area sealed off. Crews from the Davenport, IA, Hazmat unit remained on the scene late Wednesday, September 21, of a chemical reaction that sent smoke billowing out of a business in Davenport's west end. One man, who was not identified, and was not an employee of the business, was taken away on a stretcher due to breathing difficulty. Witnesses said an orange—yellow plume of smoke enveloped Industrial Technology Corporation, 2923 Rockingham Road, at about 3:30 p.m. CST. Davenport Fire Marshal Mike Hayman said workers were mixing two chemicals inside the business when something went awry. Workers fled and firefighters went to several houses on the north side of Rockingham Road, asking the people inside to stay there and turn off their air conditioners. There was no evacuation of the area, but authorities sealed off an area to pedestrians for a two—block area around the business. Traffic, meanwhile, was diverted. The business's owner, Mark Johnson, said that the reaction was an unexpected result of the blending of several acids which produced a nitric acid vapor.

Johnson said about 300 gallons of material was being mixed when the accident occurred. Source: <a href="http://www.qctimes.net/articles/2005/09/22/news/local/doc433">http://www.qctimes.net/articles/2005/09/22/news/local/doc433</a> 239a0bafb0217269099.txt

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# **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

4. September 26, ComputerWorld — Department of Defense revamps procurement software. The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) is gearing up to move its procurement system from a client/server model to the Web, which will let it support some 40,000 users, nearly double the current total. Officials from the Standard Procurement System office, which oversees development and management of the Procurement Desktop–Defense 2 (PD2) system, last month began work on moving the system to the Web. The current client/server PD2 system is installed on 23,000 desktops at 800 DoD locations worldwide. The new Web–based version, due to be rolled out in mid–2006, will expand the PD2 system to include procurement of weapons systems, DoD officials said.

Source: http://www.computerworld.com/industrytopics/defense/story/0, 10801,104920,00.html

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# **Banking and Finance Sector**

5. September 26, Scoop Independent News Media (New Zealand) — Visa: Phishing emails should be reported. Visa International Australia and New Zealand on Monday, September 26, advised members of the public to ignore an e-mail, which is aimed at stealing card information from unsuspecting cardholders. The e-mail reads: "Due to frequently raised unauthorized use and online fraud activity against VISA cards, Verified by VISA activating mandatory precaution. All VISA cardholders are obliged to enable Verified by Visa security service for their VISA cards. This is compulsory registration and must be completed till 25 Sep, 2005. Non-Verified by Visa cards have to be blocked by issuer within seven days after deadline. You may start registration by visiting Verified by Visa <a href="http://vlzacard.com/">http://vlzacard.com/</a>. Thank you for your support. Visa Service Department." The e-mail in question is not issued by Visa nor does it have any link to "Verified by Visa." By clicking on the link in the e-mail, which also illegally contains the Verified by Visa logo, cardholders are taken to a site (which appears not to be active as at 1700 AEST Sunday, September 25). Visa does operate an online authentication service called "Verified by Visa." However, Visa does not initiate contact with cardholders by email or phone to seek personal or confidential information.

Source: http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/BU0509/S00378.htm

6. September 26, Associated Press — Judge sides with Visa, MasterCard in test of consumer protection law. A California judge ruled Friday, September 23, that Visa USA Inc. and MasterCard International Inc. don't have to send individual warnings to thousands of consumers whose personal account information was stolen during a high—tech heist uncovered earlier this year. The ruling represents a setback for a consumer lawsuit targeting Visa and MasterCard for a computer security breakdown that occurred between August 2004 and May at CardSystems

Solutions Inc., a payment processor for merchants. The breach, initially disclosed by MasterCard three months ago, exposed up to 40 million credit and debit accounts to potential abuse. The still–unknown computer hacker grabbed enough sensitive account information to defraud at least 264,000 accountholders, according to evidence gathered in the case so far. Although the scope of the CardSystems break–in has been generally outlined, the credit card associations haven't sent warnings to the most vulnerable customers. The notification request was made under a two–year–old California law that has been widely copied across the country to help ensure consumers are alerted when their personal or financial information stored on a computer is lost, stolen or breached.

Source: <a href="http://www.informationweek.com/showArticle.jhtml:jsessionid="http://www.informationweek.com/showarticle.jhtml:jsessionid="http://www.informationweek.com/showarticle.jhtml:jsessionid="http://www.informationweek.com/showarticle.jhtml:jsessionweek.com/showarticle.jhtml:jsessionweek.com/showarticle.jhtml:jsessionweek.com/sh

7. September 26, The Register (United Kingdom) — Phishers target Yahoo! photos. Internet crooks looking to capture login details of Yahoo! accounts are changing tactics. Phishing attacks that attempt to capture a user's Yahoo! ID and password by tricking the gullible into handing over their credentials to fake sign—in pages have been around for months if not years. Recently, though, these phishing sites have begun using alternative Yahoo! Sign In pages, such as Yahoo! Photos, net security firm Websense reports. Users typically receive an email or instant message that claims to be from a friend wanting to show off photos of a recent event, such as a vacation or a birthday party. The message contains a link to a phishing site, which records the user's Yahoo! ID and password, and then forwards the Yahoo! ID and password on to the real Yahoo! Photos site. What started off at a crude attack has evolved with the introduction of a more subtle form of social engineering attack. Websense reports that the majority of these sites are hosted in the U.S. on free Web space provided by the Yahoo! Geocities service. Yahoo! Photos users are advised to go the Yahoo! site itself rather than following links in suspicious—looking emails.

Phishing screen shot example: <a href="http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID">http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID</a> = 296

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2005/09/26/vahoo photos phish/

8. September 25, Associated Press — Soldiers have Army records stolen. Four computer hard drives containing soldiers' Social Security numbers and other personal records were stolen from Fort Carson, CO — a crime that could expose some to identity theft. Fifteen thousand active duty soldiers were notified this month of the theft, along with family members and civilians who work at the Army post in Colorado. Fort Carson spokesperson Dee McNutt said there is no way to determine how many records were compromised. Everyone who could be a potential victim was being notified, according to McNutt. McNutt said there have been no reports that the records have been used to steal identities. The heist is still under investigation by military authorities. The hard drives were stolen in mid—August from a building on the post in Colorado Springs where soldiers get identification cards and update their personnel records, McNutt said. Records taken included soldiers' Social Security numbers, dates of birth, rank, unit, citizenship and jobs. Michelle Joyner, spokesperson for the National Military Family Association, said soldiers are just as vulnerable as civilians, but the theft of the computer hard drives was particularly troubling because the military keeps a lot more information about its personnel than does private industry.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/25/AR2005092500539.html

9. September 24, Washington Post — Web scammers strike before hurricane does. Days before Hurricane Rita struck, online speculators were scooping up hundreds of Hurricane Rita-related Web domain names. Scammers often use such Websites to trick people into making donations, authorities said. The quick proliferation of questionable activities spurred the federal government to work with Internet service providers, computer security companies and anti-spam groups to shut down and prosecute owners of fraudulent sites, according to several participants in the ad hoc task force. The group has already closed more than 40 Websites falsely claiming to raise money for relief organizations, said Tom Liston, a security consultant with Washington-based Intelguardians.com and an incident handler with the SANS Internet Storm Center. Liston began tracking new Website registrations containing the word "Rita" on Monday, September 19, and as of Friday, September 23, had found more than 1,100 such sites, he said. After Katrina, scam artists set up dozens of Websites asking for PayPal donations but offering little or no information about what they planned to do with the money. Organizations that said they were members of the ad hoc Rita task force include the SANS Internet Storm Center, the Spamhaus Project, the Anti-Phishing Working Group and San Diego Internet–security firm Websense Inc.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/23/AR2005092302148.html

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# **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

- 10. September 26, Transportation Security Administration TSA launches project to track Hazmat trucks. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has announced the Hazmat Truck Security Pilot with the award of a contract to General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems of Buffalo, NY. This is the second award related to the truck security pilot. In the first phase of the pilot, TSA will evaluate a minimum of three technically different, commercially available solutions against criteria related to tracking capability throughout the United States. Later phases of the pilot program will involve creating and demonstrating a prototype centralized truck tracking center to provide a single point of contact for analyzing alerts or incidents and coordinating responses to potential threats. The Hazmat Truck Security Pilot Program will increase domain awareness related to the transportation of hazardous materials and provide a capability for coordinated, agile responses to terrorist threats.

  Source: <a href="http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=44&content=090005198 0170e05">http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=44&content=090005198 0170e05</a>
- 11. September 26, USA TODAY Texas: Ill-fated charter bus had expired registration. The charter bus that exploded just south of Dallas on Friday, September 23, killing 23 nursing home residents who were being evacuated from Houston, was not registered with the state and should not have been on the road, a spokesperson for the Texas Department of Transportation said Sunday, September 25. The bus, operated by Global Limo of Pharr, TX, became engulfed in fire Friday morning on Interstate 45 in Wilmer, shortly after other motorists reported seeing flames from the right rear of the vehicle. In a horrific scene, the cabin filled with smoke and then flames. That led to a series of explosions, as oxygen tanks used by some of the elderly residents ignited. Transportation Department spokesperson Mark Cross said the bus was not among 10 vehicles that Global Limo has registered with the state. He said the vehicle's state

registration had expired in July, meaning that it was illegal for it to be used to help evacuate the Brighton Gardens nursing home in Bellaire as Hurricane Rita threatened the Houston area. State and federal officials said Sunday that they are examining Global Limo's maintenance records as part of a broad probe into the fatal blaze, which occurred during the unprecedented traffic jam on Interstate 45 created by hundreds of thousands of evacuees.

Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-09-25-rita-texas-bus-registration\_x.htm?csp=14

12. September 26, New York Daily News — JFK airport upgrade enters last of seven stages. The seventh and final contract in a \$179 million improvement program to prepare New York's Kennedy Airport for the next generation of aircraft has been approved by the New York/New Jersey Port Authority Board of Commissioners. The funds were authorized to improve and maintain runways, taxiways and related infrastructure. The enhancements will accommodate larger, quieter and more–efficient aircraft, including the Airbus 380. "Since the early 1990s, our airports have undergone extensive redevelopment, delivering a series of improvements to our customers," said Port Authority Vice Chairman Charles Gargano. The Port Authority, in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and the airlines serving Kennedy, is staging the construction in phases to minimize the impact on flight activity. The improvements and upgrades come during unprecedented passenger volume growth at Kennedy, one of the nation's busiest airports. The Port Authority expects another record–setting year in 2005 with nearly 41 million travelers projected to use Kennedy.

Source: http://www.nydailynews.com/boroughs/story/349736p-298392c.ht ml

**13.** September 26, Tampa Bay Business Journal (FL) — Tampa Bay port security to do background checks on Channelside workers. Waitresses and dishwashers at the Channelside entertainment complex may soon be subject to criminal background checks. Authorities are enforcing a state law that says Florida's ports must clear everyone working on port property, even in unrestricted areas. That includes Channelside, which is on Tampa Port Authority land. Channelside property management executives say they are confused about the background checks, expected to start this month, and have hired a lawyer to interpret the law. Channelside opened in January 2001. Later the same year, the state Legislature enacted the Seaport Security Standards law. Legislators tightened the law after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The law is meant to prevent drug smuggling, cargo theft and terrorism at the ports. It says everyone who works on port property must have a record clear of several major felonies for the past seven years. Those felonies include drug sale and distribution; major crimes related to theft; and major violence, such as battery, against another person.

Source: http://msnbc.msn.com/id/9487803/

14. August 26, Government Accountability Office — GAO-05-712: Information Security:
Progress Made, but Federal Aviation Administration Needs to Improve Controls over Air
Traffic Control Systems (Report). The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) performs
critical functions that contribute to ensuring safe, orderly, and efficient air travel in the national
airspace system. To that end, it operates and relies extensively on an array of interconnected
automated information systems and networks that comprise the nation's air traffic control
systems. These systems provide information to air traffic controllers and aircraft flight crews to
help ensure the safe and expeditious movement of aircraft. Interruptions of service by these
systems could have a significant adverse impact on air traffic nationwide. Effective information

security controls are essential for ensuring that the nation's air traffic control systems are adequately protected from inadvertent or deliberate misuse, disruption, or destruction. Accordingly, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to evaluate the extent to which FAA has implemented information security controls for these systems. GAO is recommending several actions intended to improve FAA's information security program. In providing oral comments on a draft of this report, FAA's Chief Information Officer agreed to consider GAO's recommendations.

Highlights: http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d05712high.pdf Source: http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-712

### 15. August 24, Government Accountability Office — GAO-05-867: Amtrak: Improved

Management and Controls over Food and Beverage Service Needed (Report). Because of the importance of food and beverage operations to the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) and the continued interest of Congress in Amtrak's financial performance, Congress asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review Amtrak's food and beverage costs. GAO examined the following three areas: (1) the provisions written into Amtrak's contract with Gate Gourmet International to control costs, (2) the types of management controls Amtrak exercises to prevent improper payments, and (3) the information Amtrak collects and uses to monitor the service and to report to stakeholders such as its Board of Directors. Amtrak's food and beverage service may represent a relatively small part of the company's operating budget, but it speaks volumes about Amtrak's need to get its operations in better order. GAO concluded that a stronger effort is required, beginning with carrying out steps that, under the contract, should have been taken all along. Amtrak needs to take immediate steps not only to curb the losses in this program, but also to help convince the public it is acting as a careful steward of the federal dollars that continue to keep it operating. To improve Amtrak's management of its food and beverage operations, GAO is making several recommendations.

Source: http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-05-867

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# **Postal and Shipping Sector**

16. September 26, Associated Press — UPS purchase of LYNX Express is cleared. European Union antitrust regulators approved UPS Inc.'s proposed \$96.3 million purchase of British parcel carrier LYNX Express Ltd. on Monday, September 26, saying the deal posed no competition concerns in the European market. UPS, the world's largest parcel carrier, announced the deal in July, aiming to expand its presence in Europe. UPS said the deal is expected to close by the end of the year. The European Commission said the transaction "would not significantly impede effective competition," adding that LYNX's domestic and international delivery services did not overlap with the European operations of Atlanta-based UPS. LYNX Express, based in Nuneaton, England, is majority owned by the private equity firm Bridgepoint Capital Ltd.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/business/AP-EU-UPS-LYNX.html

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# **Agriculture Sector**

17. September 26, Michigan Department of Natural Resources — Officials confirm two cases of eastern equine encephalitis in Michigan deer. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), collaborating with Michigan State University, has confirmed two cases of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) in deer from Kent County and has two additional suspect cases at the DNR's Wildlife Disease Laboratory in Lansing. The infected deer originated in two townships south of Rockford, a community just north of Grand Rapids. The Michigan Department of Agriculture also recently confirmed three cases of EEE in horses in Michigan, including two in Kent County. The deer specimens were submitted for testing by the public after some deer in Kent County were observed behaving abnormally. Testing by scientists at the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health have confirmed EEE in two of the six deer presented for testing, according to DNR Wildlife Veterinarian Steve Schmitt. Test results suggest EEE was likely present in two others. Michigan becomes only the second state in the country to document EEE in free—ranging white—tailed deer. The first case was documented in 2001 in Georgia.

EEE information: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/arbor/eeefact.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/arbor/eeefact.htm</a>

EEE in a Georgia Free-ranging White-tailed Deer:

http://www.uga.edu/scwds/topic index/2001/EEEinaGeorgiaDeer.pdf

Source: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-126863--,00.html

### 18. September 24, Associated Press — U.S. Department of Agriculture might close 713 offices.

More than 30 percent of the nation's Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices would close under a plan released Friday, September 23, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The agency also is trying to reduce its payroll by up to 655 jobs. The plan would close 713 of the 2,351 offices nationwide, according to a summary the department provided to the Senate Agriculture Committee. The biggest cuts — 40 percent or more offices closed — would come in Indiana, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, and West Virginia. FSA offices, a network in local communities dating to the 1930s, are the chief connection between farmers and the USDA. Employees there help farmers get loans and payments from a number of programs. The U.S. Senate voted to delay the closures until the agriculture secretary does a detailed cost—benefit analysis.

Source: http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20050924/

NEWS06/509240507/1012/NEWS06

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# **Food Sector**

**19.** September 26, Mercury (Australia) — Suspect Asian meat seized. Australian customs officers have seized more than five tons of suspect chicken and duck meat from Asia, as Australia steps up the fight to avoid a bird flu epidemic. A ban on the import of live birds is already in place. Senator Ellison said quarantine and Customs officers had received extra training to deal with the new threat. He said the suspect meat had been confiscated over a period of time — including two tons in the past three months — and was from a range of countries. Source: <a href="http://www.themercury.news.com.au/common/story\_page/0.5936.1">http://www.themercury.news.com.au/common/story\_page/0.5936.1</a>

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- 20. September 26, Associated Press Japan panel discusses safety of U.S. beef. A panel of the Japan's food safety agency deferred a decision Monday, September 26, on whether Japan should lift its 20 month ban on beef imports from the U.S. Japan banned American beef imports after the first case of mad cow was found in that country in December 2003. Panel chief Yasuhiro Yoshikawa said the panel is in no hurry to make a decision. He gave no timetable for the final report. According to an unofficial draft published on the panel's Website, the experts agree that the safety of American beef cannot be ensured under U.S. safeguards alone and recommend restricting imports to meat from cattle proven to be younger than 21 months. In case imports are resumed, Japanese agricultural officials should also conduct onsite inspections of U.S. dairy farms to ensure the quality of exports to Japan, it said.
  - Source: http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/business/AP-Japan-Mad-Cow.ht ml
- **21.** September 23, Pennsylvania Ag Connection Mexico to lift ban on Pennsylvania poultry imports. The Mexican government has agreed to lift the year—and—a—half ban on imports of Pennsylvania poultry to Mexico by October 4. The decision was announced at a recent meeting between U.S. and Mexican officials to address poultry trade.

Source: http://www.pennsylvaniaagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=5 04&yr=2005

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### **Water Sector**

- 22. September 25, Boston Herald (MA) Holliston declares water emergency. Fears that a cancer—causing compound has invaded the water is the reason officials in Holliston, MA, are warning some residents to avoid tap water until further notice. Holliston water commissioner Paul Saulnier confirmed Sunday, September 25, that a possible "carcinogen" may have seeped into the water system. The water is being tested by state environmental officials, with the help of Clark University in Worcester, to determine just how serious the situation is. Saulnier said a compound called epichlorohydrine may have contaminated the water. The problem, he said, is they don't know how to test for the substance. The state Department of Environmental Protection ordered a test for epichorial hydrine to prove if the water is safe. "Nobody has a standard sample" for this substance, Saulnier said. Bill Domey, Holliston's health agent, said he does not know if the substance causes cancer or not. He said it is "unknown" how bad this epoxy chemical is considered.
  - Source: <a href="http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=104145">http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=104145</a>
- 23. September 25, Cushing Daily Citizen (OK) Port Neches without water. Rita's roaring winds tore through Mid–County Saturday, September 24, taking with it the second level floor of the Port Neches, TX, water treatment plant. S. Gearinger, Port Neches' fire marshal, said Sunday, September 25, that the plant's destruction has destroyed the city's capability to produce water for residents. Gearinger said he does not know how long it will take to repair the water source. His estimates are a month or longer. Nederland, TX, Mayor Dick Nugent said that Port Neches and Nederland water lines are connected and that his city is working feverishly to restore water to both cities.

Source: <a href="http://www.cushingdaily.com/news/cnhisnsdisasters">http://www.cushingdaily.com/news/cnhisnsdisasters</a> story 2682 24302.html?keyword=topstory

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### **Public Health Sector**

24. September 26, Associated Press — Indonesia bird flu death toll rises to six. The death of a 27-year-old woman Monday, September 26, took Indonesia's death toll from bird flu to six as the government announced that 400,000 tablets of donated medicine to fight the virus would soon arrive in the country. Another four people have tested positive for the virus since July — though some of them have not shown any symptoms and others have made a full recovery, said I Nyoman Kandun, director general of Communicable Disease Control at the Health Ministry. At least 34 other people are under observation in hospitals nationwide after showing symptoms of bird flu, or the H5N1 virus, said Kandun. "The death toll is much less than in Vietnam, so the people must not panic," he said. The H5N1 strain of bird flu has swept through poultry populations in large swaths of Asia since 2003, jumping to humans and killing at least 65 people and resulting in the deaths of tens of millions of birds. Most human cases have been linked to contact with sick birds. But the World Health Organization has warned that the virus could mutate into a form that spreads easily among humans.

 $Source: \underline{http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09}/26/AR2005092600275.html$ 

25. September 26, Reuters — Iran fears wintering wildfowl will bring bird flu. Iran is bracing for a probable bird flu outbreak, although no birds have so far been found contaminated with the H5N1 strain that is dangerous to humans, a senior veterinary officer said on Monday, September 26. "We will most probably get the bird flu carried by the millions of wild birds that are on their way to Iran," said Behrouz Yasemi, spokesperson for Iran's veterinary authority. Flocks of wild geese, ducks, and other waterfowl winter among northern Iran's wetlands and lakes. "We have warned poultry farmers to fence off their birds and stop them mixing with wild ones," Yasemi said. The veterinary authority has requested that every sick bird found be sent for testing. A bird flu committee has been formed, with veterinary experts working with members of the health and agriculture ministries and the department of the environment. The committee has issued a nationwide ban on the hunting of wild birds.

Source: http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/RON631539.htm

26. September 26, Agence France—Presse — Millions to be immunized against polio in Indonesia. A massive immunization drive Tuesday, September 27, in Indonesia aims to curb what health officials say has become the worst polio outbreak in Southeast Asia. The inoculation drive is a follow—up to one in August. "Indonesia now has the highest number of polio cases in the Southeast Asia region, which includes India," said Bardan Jung Rana, of the World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO says 240 youngsters have been infected with polio across Indonesia. The immunization drive is targeting every Indonesian child younger than five through 245,000 posts in community centres and even airports, bus depots, and railway stations. Indonesia is scurrying to prevent the disease becoming endemic and jumping to neighboring countries. The August drive immunized more than 22 million children, according to Indonesia's health ministry. The waterborne poliovirus, which attacks and withers

children's limbs and can kill them, reemerged in Indonesia in March, a decade after it was believed to have been eradicated in the country. It has now spread to six of Indonesia's provinces. The WHO says 19 countries have been re–infected with polio in the last two years. Source: <a href="http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050926/hl">http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050926/hl</a> afp/healthindonesiap olio 050926122648; ylt=ArtcTZ yqAOed2r3KnJGpuuJOrgF; ylu=X3o DMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCUI

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## **Government Sector**

**27.** September 26, The CIP Report — Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program announces electronic submissions capability. The Department of Homeland Security is now accepting electronic submissions for the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program. This new capability allows the private sector to quickly and easily submit its critical infrastructure information (CII) to DHS, which, in turn, may share this information with government entities that have infrastructure protection responsibilities, thereby helping to safeguard and prevent disruption to the nation's economy and way of life. CII can be submitted electronically through a secure Web portal accessed from the PCII Program Website at <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/pcii">http://www.dhs.gov/pcii</a>. Submitted files are encrypted in transit and strict safeguarding procedures prevent unauthorized access. This information is used by government analysts to assess threats and vulnerabilities, evaluate physical security risks, and create reports

which may improve the government's ability to respond to terrorist attacks and aid in recovery efforts. The PCII Program enables the private sector to voluntarily submit sensitive information

regarding the nation's critical infrastructure with the assurance of protection from public

disclosure, state and local sunshine laws and use in civil litigation. Additional information is available on the PCII Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/pcii">http://www.dhs.gov/pcii</a> For questions, call the PCII Program Office at 202–360–3023 or send an email to pcii—info@dhs.gov.

Source: http://cipp.gmu.edu/archive/cip\_report\_4.3.pdf

28. September 26, Arizona Capitol Times — Government trains Arizona prison workers to **speed deportations.** A federal agency has begun training state prison personnel to perform some immigration enforcement work to help speed up the deportation of foreign nationals convicted of committing crimes in Arizona. Under an agreement with the state Department of Corrections, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will train 10 corrections officials at two state prisons to interview inmates who are foreign nationals. Among other things, the state workers will learn how to determine whether there were immigration violations and how to prepare documents for deportation proceedings, according to the agencies involved. Training began September 20. Arizona's prison population totaled 32,710 as of June 30, including 4,179 foreign nationals, 3,789 of whom were Mexican citizens, according to the Corrections Department's Website. All the foreign nationals in the state prison system are believed to be illegal immigrants, department spokesperson Bart Graves said. State officials have complained that federal officials have increased the state's costs by failing to promptly deport illegal immigrants once they are eligible for deportation. Depending on what crimes they committed, some inmates are eligible for deportation after they complete 50 percent of their sentences, Graves said.

Source: <a href="http://www.azcapitoltimes.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=

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# **Emergency Services Sector**

- 29. September 25, Associated Press Generals say country needs national plan for rescues. Military officials told President Bush on Sunday, September 25, that the U.S. needs a national plan to coordinate search and rescue efforts following natural disasters or terrorist attacks. Under the existing relationship, a state's governor is chiefly responsible for disaster preparedness and response. Governors can request assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). If federal armed forces are brought in to help, they do so in support of FEMA, through Northern Command, set up as part of a military reorganization after the attacks of September 11, 2001. Bush got an update about the federal hurricane response from military leaders at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. He heard from Lieutenant General Robert Clark, joint military task force commander for Hurricane Rita, and Major General John White, a task force member, who described search and rescue operations after Hurricane Katrina as a "train wreck." White said, "With a national plan, we'll have a quick jump-start and an opportunity to save more people." Bush said he is interested in whether the Department of Defense should take charge in massive national disasters. "That's going to be a very important consideration for Congress to think about," said Bush. Source: <a href="http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2005-09-25-nationalr-escueplan-x.htm">http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2005-09-25-nationalr-escueplan-x.htm</a>
- 30. September 25, New York Times In plans to evacuate U.S. cities, chance for havoc. The chaotic evacuations of New Orleans and Houston have prompted local officials across the country to take another look at plans for emptying their cities in response to a large-scale natural disaster or a terrorist attack. Few have prepared in detail for a possibility like Hurricane Katrina. Nor have they prepared workable plans to evacuate millions of people with little or no notice. New York, more than most American cities, has the advantage of a sprawling mass transportation system. Boston is further along than many large cities, having devised a plan in advance of last summer's Democratic National Convention for moving as many as a million people from the central city in the event of an attack or a major storm. David Schulz, director of the Infrastructure Technology Institute at Northwestern University, said the evacuations of New Orleans and Southeast Texas had revealed significant weaknesses in coordination between the local, state and federal authorities. He also said that Texas' experience showed poor communication between local officials and residents, tens of thousands of whom took to the already-jammed highways even though they were not under a mandatory evacuation order. Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2005/09/25/national/nationalspecial/2 5evacuation.html?adxnnl=1&adxnnlx=1127739612-7/rC9C0Nmxf7tWc iHv6G+g&pagewanted=all
- 31. September 25, Department of Homeland Security Federal Gulf Coast response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita continues. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in conjunction with other federal agencies, continues to respond to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Saturday, September 24, President Bush approved major disaster declarations for the states of Texas and Louisiana. The following

actions have been taken: a) U.S. Coast Guard units have rescued more than 80 people; b) Nearly 700 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue personnel are on the ground in Texas, and more than 500 Urban Search and Rescue personnel are on the ground in Louisiana; c) FEMA has deployed hundreds of trucks of ice and water to Louisiana and Texas; d) FEMA Rapid Needs Assessment Teams began aerial assessments of coastal areas in Texas affected by Hurricane Rita; e) More than 49,000 Active Duty and National Guard personnel are on the ground or aboard ship supporting relief operations; f) The National Interagency Fire Center, comprised of specialists from eight federal and state agencies who routinely work together in responding to disaster and wildfire emergencies, is pre–positioning Incident Management Teams in areas affected by Hurricane Rita and mobilizing additional teams to respond as needed in support of first responders.

Source: <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4853">http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4853</a>

32. September 23, Washington Post — Crisis communications network criticized by the Federal Communications Commission. Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin said Thursday, September 22, that the nation's first responders need a mobile, wireless system that allows them to talk to one another in times of crisis anywhere in the country. The lack of such a system slowed recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina. Police, fire and rescue personnel struggled to work together after electric power failed and the telecommunications network in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama was extensively damaged. Martin also called for developing more rugged first responder networks and making greater use of satellite technology that does not depend on vulnerable ground infrastructure. Hurricane Katrina has revived calls in Congress to set a date for first responders to take over radio frequencies set aside for them nearly a decade ago but still used by television broadcasters. Martin said Thursday that first responders need "smart radios" that can hop between available networks, and he also urged the creation of a more sophisticated national alert system to warn people of disasters, using the Internet and other newer technologies.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/22/AR2005092202160.html

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# **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

- **33.** September 22, Secunia **PunBB two vulnerabilities.** There have been two vulnerabilities reported in PunBB. One has an unknown impact and the other can be exploited by malicious people to conduct cross—site scripting attacks. The first vulnerability can be exploited to execute arbitrary HTML and script code in a user's browser session in context of an affected site. The second vulnerability is a code inclusion vulnerability in the user language selection. Source: <a href="http://secunia.com/advisories/16908/">http://secunia.com/advisories/16908/</a>
- 34. September 22, Vnunet Fraudsters get ready for Hurricane Rita. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina web monitoring services are warning that new fradulant websites may be popping up. Webscence warned, "The names follow similar patterns to the Katrina scams as the terms 'rita', 'hurricane', 'disaster', 'relief' and 'donations' can be part of them. Most are currently registered with bulk domains."

Source: http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2142688/fraudsters-ready-h urricane-rita

35. September 22, Eweek — US-CERT malware naming plan faces obstacles. US-CERT, the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, will begin issuing uniform names for computer viruses, worms, and other malicious code next month, as part of a program called the Common Malware Enumeration initiative. The program is intended to clear up confusion that results from the current decentralized system for naming Internet threats, which often results in the same virus or worm receiving different names from different anti-virus vendors. New malicious code samples are held for two hours and, if no other example of the new code is submitted, assigned a CME number.

Source: http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,1862251,00.asp

### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

### **DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis**

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT is aware of public exploit code for a buffer overflow vulnerability in Mozilla products, including the Mozilla Suite, and Mozilla Firefox. For more information please refer to: http://www.us-cert.gov/current/#mozbuff

US-CERT warns users to expect an increase in targeted phishing emails due to recent events such as Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. For more information please refer to: <a href="http://www.us-cert.gov/current/#kat">http://www.us-cert.gov/current/#kat</a>

US-CERT strongly recommends that all users reference the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web site for a list of legitimate charities to donate to their charity of choice. http://www.fema.gov/

### **Current Port Attacks**

<b>Top 10</b>	1026 (win-rpc), 6881 (bittorrent), 26777 (), 445 (microsoft-ds),
Target	40000 (), 22321 (wnn6_Tw), 139 (netbios-ssn), 135 (epmap),
Ports	27015 (halflife), 80 (www)
	Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at <a href="mailto:soc@us-cert.gov">soc@us-cert.gov</a> or visit their Website: <a href="mailto:www.us-cert.gov">www.us-cert.gov</a>.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: https://www.it-isac.org/.

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